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U. S. Department of Agriculture

MEMORANDUM

OF

TRAVELING EXPENSES

From July 8, 1914
To July 30, 1914

Use this Memorandum; it will assist you in making up your account. Retain for future reference. : : : :

SUGGESTIONS TO TRAVELERS.

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Don't exceed 25 cents a day for porter fees on sleeping cars. Don't exceed 10 cents for porter fees on parlor or chair cars.

Don't exceed \$1.25 a week for laundry; 20 cents for each additional day. Don't bring forward charges for laundry from previous account.

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Subvouchers must be taken for lodging, special transportation, personal services, express and freight shipments, and all purchases in excess of \$1.50.

Subvouchers for express shipments must show weight and contents of each shipment:

The signature to a receipt must agree with name at top of subvoucher. In case of an incorporated or nonincorporated company, the full name and title of signer must be given.

Render accounts once a month; include all expenses incurred during the month; enter items in chronological order.

Always state date and hour of departure and arrival.

Give initials of railroad when cash fare is paid.

Always state time, distance, terminal points, and rate when stage, carriage, or other special transportation is used.

Enter waiter tips and street-car fares each day.

Designate meals on trains as "en route;" the point at which any other meal, not included in hotel subvouchers, is taken, must be shown.

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8—829 Chief, Division of Accounts, and Disbursing Clerk.

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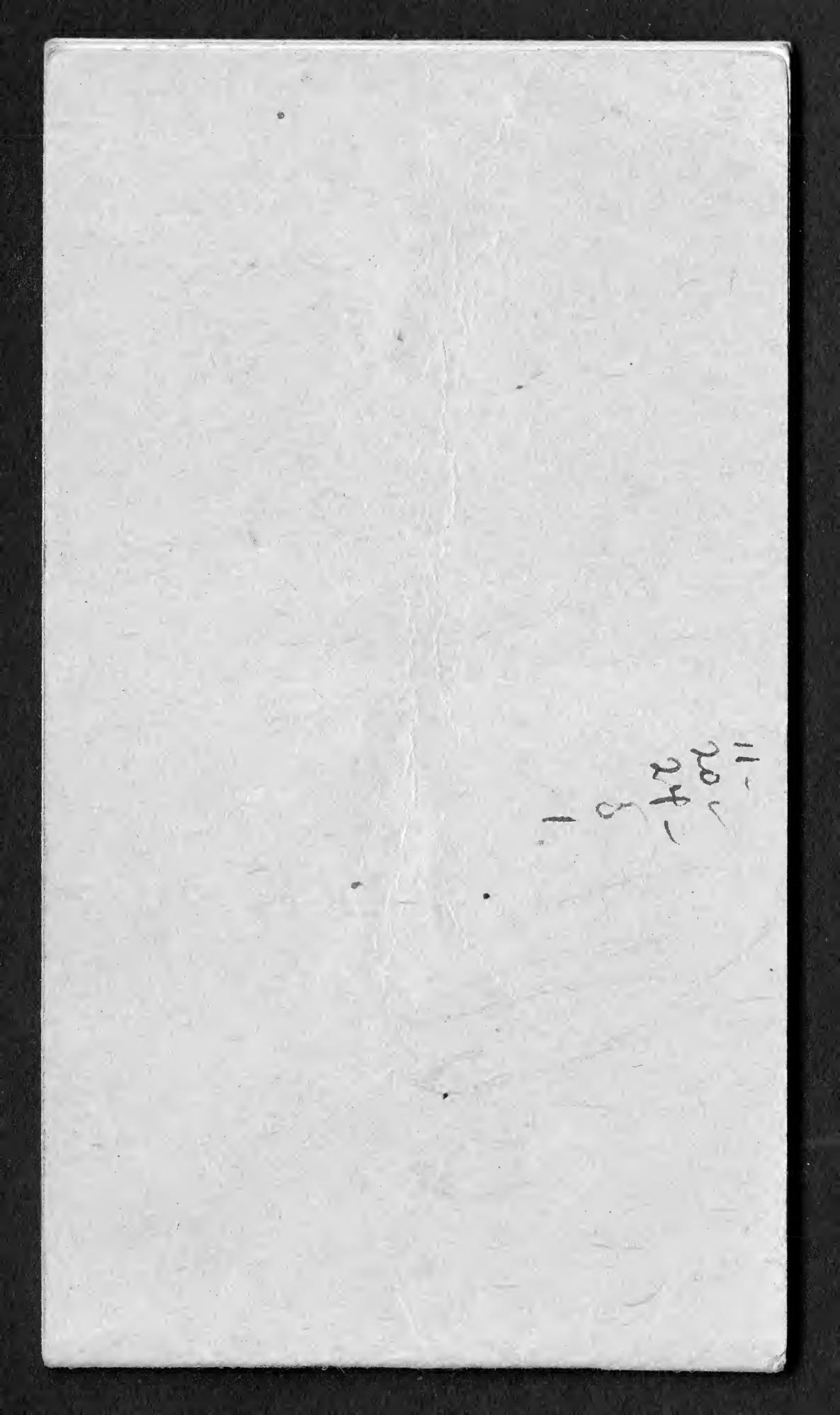
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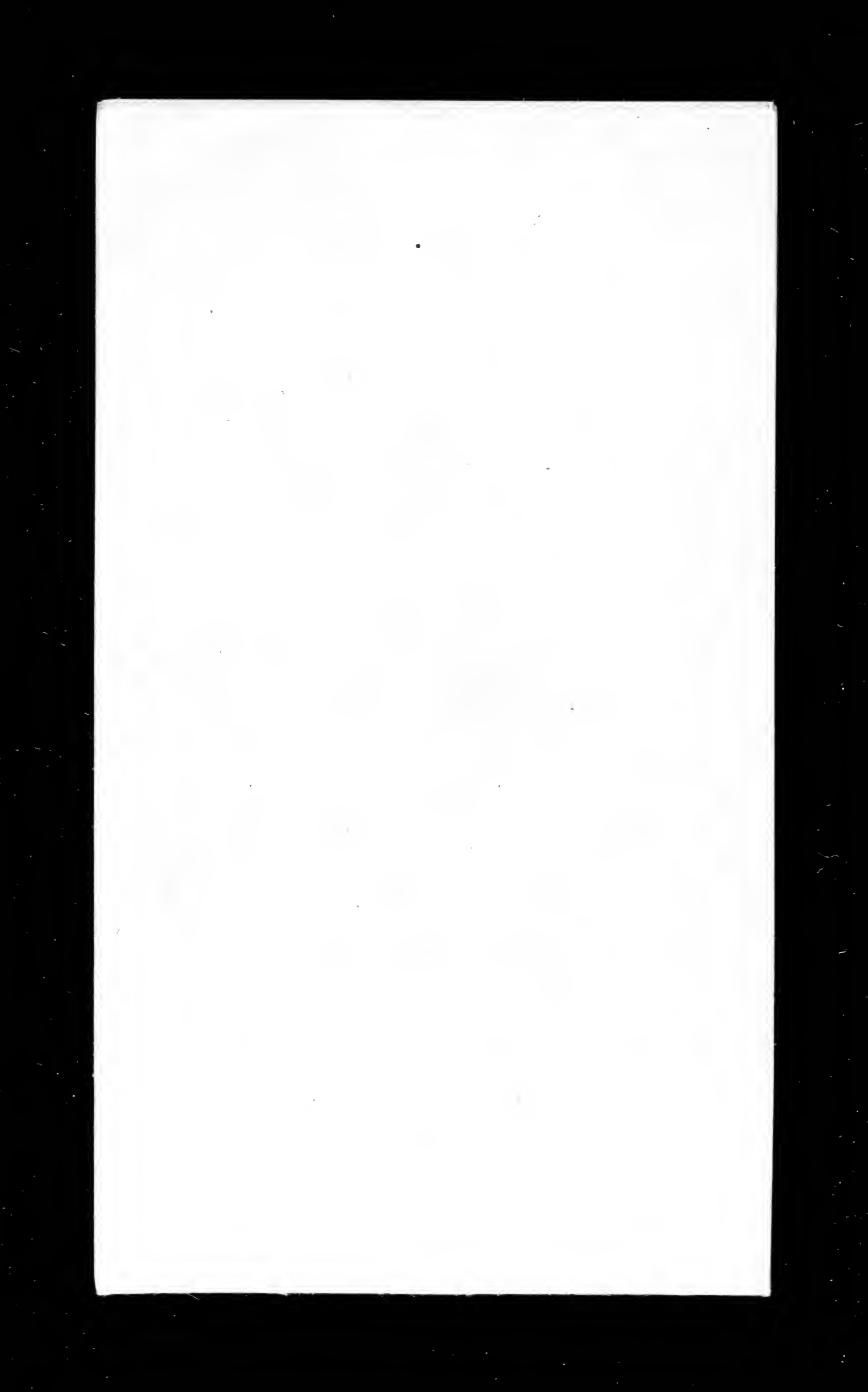
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TRAVELING EXPENSES

From (17, 19-4-4)
To (19, 19-4-4)

Use this Memorandum; it will assist you in making up your account. Retain for future reference. : : : :

SUGGESTIONS TO TRAVELERS.

Don't exceed \$5.00 a day for meals, lodging, bath, and waiter fees, the latter not to exceed 30 cents.

Don't exceed 25 cents a day for porter fees on sleeping cars.

Don't exceed 10 cents for porter fees on parlor or chair cars.

Don't exceed \$1.25 a week for laundry; 20 cents for each

Don't exceed \$1.25 a week for laundry; 20 cents for each additional day. Don't bring forward charges for laundry from previous account.

Don't exceed 10 cents for porter fees at stations or hotels.

Don't charge for hotel porter except on arrival and departure.

Don't exceed 10 cents for checking personal baggage.

Don't exceed 50 cents for transfer of self and 50 cents for transfer of baggage between hotels and stations.

Don't purchase railroad tickets when transportation requests can be used, unless distance is less than 100 miles. A charge for cash railroad or Pullman fare must show starting point and destination.

Don't incur ANY expense not covered by letter of authority.

Subvouchers must be taken for lodging, special transportation, personal services, express and freight shipments, and all purchases in excess of \$1.50.

Subvouchers for express shipments must show weight and contents of each shipment.

The signature to a receipt must agree with name at top of subvoucher. In case of an incorporated or nonincorporated company, the full name and title of signer must be given.

Render accounts once a month; include all expenses incurred during the month; enter items in chronological order.

Always state date and hour of departure and arrival.

Give initials of railroad when cash fare is paid.

Always state time, distance, terminal points, and rate when stage, carriage, or other special transportation is used.

Enter waiter tips and street-car fares each day.

Designate meals on trains as "en route;" the point at which any other meal, not included in hotel subvouchers, is taken, must be shown.

Explain any apparent duplication of expense or any unusual expenditure.

A. ZAPPONE,

Chief, Division of Accounts, and Disbursing Clerk.

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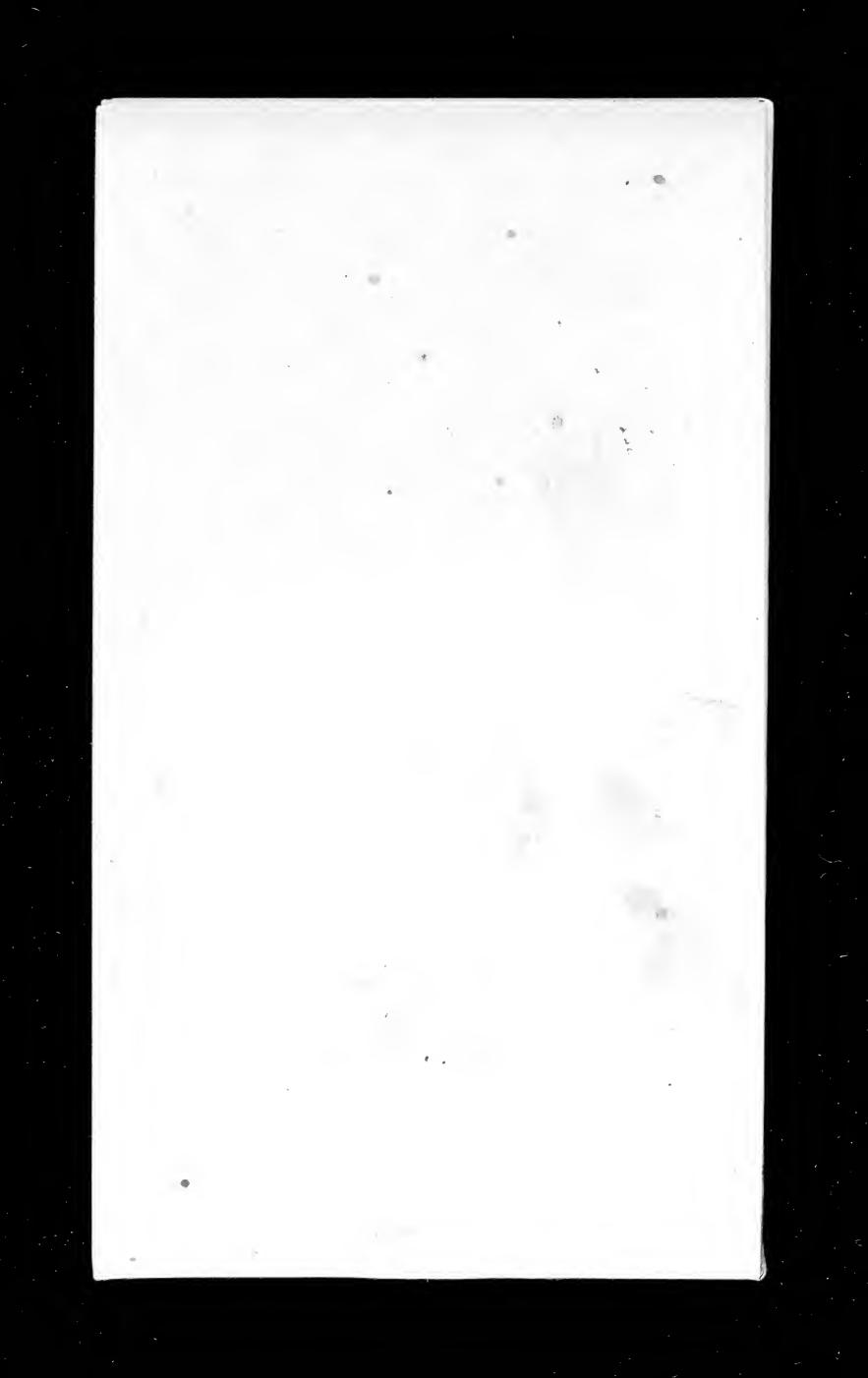
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 17, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetnore,

Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Wetmore:

I will not answer your interesting letters at length, but will wait until you return to discuss the problems. I am very glad that you secured so much information in California, and trust that your trip to Keeler will also bring good results.

Various packages have arrived, and those so marked are being held until you return.

The chemist is waiting for your return before completing his analyses of the various waters submitted. He believes it is better to examine for certain things rather than to make a complete analysis of each sample.

Your application for leave has been approved. With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

In charge, Economic Investigations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

No. 85-Bi.

EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION.

Washington, D. C. Oct. 27, 1914.

... Mr. Alex Wetmore....

.... Assistant Biologist.

You are advised that L. A. No. 71-Bi. dated Sept. 17, 1914, which authorizes you to perform travel in San Joaquin Valley, California, is hereby amended so as to grant you authority to visit other points in California, and travel in other States where duck mertality has been reported. You are also authorized to purchase necessary field supplies.

The amount is not hereby increased.

Your permanent headquarters will be Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 23, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,
Marion Hotel,
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

The expert of the Bureau of Chemistry, who is engaged in the analysis of the water sent in by from the vicinity of Salt Lake, suggested yesterday that it might be well for us to determine whether or not nematodes have any agency, direct or indirect, in the disease which has proved so fatal to the water-fowl of Utah. I am of the opinion, fully shared by Doctor Cobb, nematode expert, that nematodes have no active agency in producing the disease. Nevertheless, Doctor Cobb is of the opinion that an attempt should be made to ascertain definitely what agency, if any, is played by one or more species of nematodes in producing this or in fact any disease of water-fowl. I am sending, therefore, four bottles, one to be used as a graduate, two containing crystals, and the fourth acetic acid, with which to make a solution to preserve the material for forwarding by mail. I do not include formalin, which is called for, assuming that you have that. To collect nematodes it is only necessary to follow the exact procedure of collecting diatoms, only in this case you should select if possible aquatic plants upon which the ducks are known to feed. It is only necessary to squeeze these into a wide-mouth container until you have a reasonable amount of mud or ooze, letting the water settle and then treating the coze with the solution, after which it should be mailed according to directions. Doctor Cobb would also like some

specimens of the mud sent in without treatment, with a view if possible of finding living nematodes. Perhaps the easiest way for you to do this is to collect some of the aquatic plants and sprinkle them well with the coze, and forward in a stout box; provided the vegetation keeps moist, the nematodes will live in the mud and coze attached to the plants.

Poctor Cobb also suggests that it might be well for you to examine the blood of affected ducks under a moderate power objective - say one-sixth - with a view of determining whether the ducks carry nematodes in the larval state in their blood. These, when alive, are sufficiently mobile to make their detection very easy provided they exist in sufficient numbers to be of pathologic interest. I fear it may be too late to make this last test, but it is possible that there are still enough affected ducks for the experiment.

Broadly speaking, the ducks of the Salt Lake Valley may be divided into two great groups - those which are reared in the marshes about the Lake and the vicinity, and the migrants. As a result of your observations, are you sure that the diseased ducks include the individuals reared in the locality? I presume there is no doubt that they do. Secondly, as a result of your observations, can you tell how soon after migrants appear in the locality they are affected by the disease? Any information tending to throw light on this subject will be of interest.

The recipe for the solution to preserve the material is enclosed.

Mr. Alex Wetmore - 3.

Trusting that you will have no difficulty in getting material for Doctor Cobb's examination, I remain

Very truly yours,

Chief, Blological Survey.

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N. B. - Doctor Cobb is very certain that if nematodes infested the digestive tracts of the diseased ducks in sufficient numbers to produce a serious sickness this fact would not have been overlooked by the experts of the Bureau of Animal Industry when they examined the dead ducks that have been sent in from Salt Lake. Apparently, however, nobody has ever looked in the blood for the larval form of nematodes.

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D UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 20, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,

Ogden, Utan.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

I note in your letter of October 11 to Mr. McAtee that you speak of the work about Salt Lake as near an end. Before authorizing an extension of the work to California I should like, in Doctor Fisher's absence, to know a little more about what you propose to do. The last that I heard of the situation in San Joaquin Valley was that owing to the abundant rains there is practically no disease among the ducks of the valley, and if those are the actual facts of the case I see no special necessity for making the trip, which, of course, will entail considerable expense and, if undertaken, should promise adequate returns. Are there any other localities in the West where duck disease, supposedly similar to that which prevails among the ducks of Salt Lake Valley, is now prevalent?

As stated above, I would like further details before authorizing the trip and will beg you in your reply to give me all the details in regard to the duck situation in other parts of the country that may have come to your notice.

Very truly yours,

Chief, Biological Survey.

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H UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 29, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, Care, Marion Hotel, Ogden, Utah.

Dear Wetmore:

Your telegram relating to the duck disease in California was received today. I had the same information in a letter from Doctor Fisher and wondered whether he would communicate with you in time to prevent your starting for California. In case you get word later that it is desirable to make the trip you are authorized to go. Please telegraph the date of starting so that we shall know what period your salary is to be charged up to one appropriation and what to another.

Very truly yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

W. R. Weater

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 18, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,

Corinne, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

In accordance with the provisions of Letter of Authorization 71-Bi, dated September 17, 1914, you are instructed to proceed, on or about October 1, 1914, from the Salt Lake Valley, Utah, to the lakes in San Joaquin Valley, California, for the purpose of investigating the feeding habits of waterfowl in that section and the nature of the disease causing the death of large numbers of these birds.

If time permits you should as usual collect specimens to improve our reference collections.

On the completion of this work, which will require about fifteen days, you should return to the Salt Lake Valley, Utah, and resume your investigations in that section.

Keep this office informed of the dates on which you commence this work and return to Salt Lake City, in order that we can charge your salary and other expenses to the proper appropriation.

Very truly yours,

Chief, Biological Survey.

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Letter of Authorization.

No. 71-Bi.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 17, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore.

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Assistant Biologist.

No. 8 Sec., defend July 1, 1914, you are hereby authorized to incur such emphasis as well be uscessery, in accordance with the Fiscal Regulation of the Department, for the purpose stated, and during the period named below, not to exceed \$ 200.00 , to be paid from the appropriation "General Expenses, Bureau of Biological Survey, 1915." (Food Habits of Birds and Mammals).

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On the completion of this work, which will require about fifteen days, you should return to Salt Lake City, Utah.

& No expenses for freight charges must be incurred hereunder.

Your permanent headquarters will be Washington, D. C.

Chief, Biological Survey.

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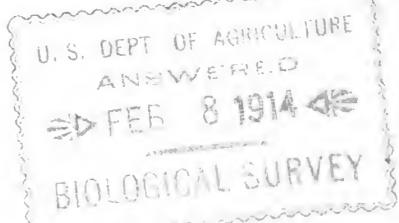
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Mr. Alex. Wetmore, c/o Hotel Marion, Ogden, Utah.

Dear Sir: -



As per promise when I saw you in Ogden last Sunday I have made some inquiries of local parties who are familiar with the situation in regard to the condition of ducks in this locality.

I understand that the trouble occurred in 1911, there were a great many birds came over from the mouth of Bear River and located in our locality. They seemed to be afflicted with a disease similar to Roop and on examination found that they were affected by Cholera. It was noticed that after remaining here some little time, and having access to plenty of fresh water, the birds recovered from the disease. It seems that there has been no trouble since the above named date.

Yours Frely, Chipard -

H BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 17, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, Care, Marion Hotel, Ogden, Utah.

Dear Wetmore:

The ink which you ask for has been sent. Mr. Henshaw has written a letter to the Chief Clerk of the Land Office, requesting that a map of California be sent to you at Ogden.

Doctor Fisher gave the data relating to the changes to be made in your letter of authorization and a memorandum on this subject has just been turned in. A copy of the amendment will be sent to you as soon as it has been approved.

Sincerely yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

W. C. W. Cottee

H BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 3, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, Care, Marion Hotel, Ogden, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

The water samples you recently sent have been received and will be transmitted to the Bureau of Chemistry at once. All of the other packages have arrived safely. The small ones which you have marked "Hold" are in your desk and the large ones in the taxidermist's shop.

Concerning your camera, I should think it would be best to wedge the diaphragm open or remove it altogether and depend on snapshots entirely. If you have a good lens you will have fair success with detail pictures even then.

Your report on the number of ducks killed at the opening of the season suggests that you may have a good opportunity of collecting stomachs and crops showing what the normal food of ducks of the region is. We shall have to get material from this locality sometime and may as well begin now.

I wish to congratulate you on the result of your experiment in producing the disease in teal with an alkaline solution. Even if sick ducks are lacking you can undoubtedly do good by continuing these experiments. From your success in killing teal I should judge that

that you are in a fair way to determine just which alkali is the most injurious from your experiments on them separately.

Mr. Oberholser says that it is very desirable to have specimens of Cormorant from the region you are now in. From the Mississippi Valley west the inland breeding form of Cormorant has never been identified and as there is known to be a colony at Great Salt Leke you should collect specimens if possible.

Wishing you continued success in the work, I remain, Very truly yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

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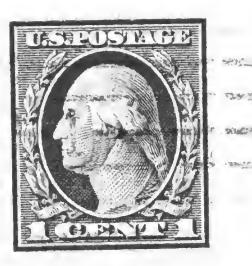
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Mr. Alex Wetmore,

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,

Salt Lake City,

Utah.

c/o Fred W. Chambers.

Blackfoot, Idaho,

Sept. 20, 1914.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter, I beg to say that I have made some inquiry among those in a position to know, and have been informed that it does not appear to be the case that ducks are dying in unusual numbers in the vicinity of the Blackfoot reservoir or that the ducks in this vicinity are suffering from any such disease as you mention.

Yours very truly,

Postmaster.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C. Corinne Wah \$ pt. 15, 1914 Postmaster Clarkfort, Adaho, Dian Er: have been dying, in some numbers on the Black foot exervoir and wish to Know whether you can't virify this or not. any of the local sportsmen or the president of the local give club should be able to give the required Information as to The number of birds clying, Lymptonis of the trouble, actions of birds and so forthe Could you secure this information for me of would consider a great javor. Almanswed may be returned in the enclosed. ranked envelope Alex WEtmore
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 18, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,

Corinne, Utah.

Dear Wetmore:

Enclosed are prints of films from Rolls 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Kent showed me these rolls of film and it is evident that something is interfering with the proper working of your camera. Maybe your shutter was not working right or the diaphram not open wide enough. The films that were spoiled were all underexposed.

As yet we have had no report on the water examinations but I am sending the last three along today.

Proof of your review in the Auk has been received and I will carefully compare it with copy and return it.

Very truly yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 9, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,

Corinne, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

Both lots of samples of water which you sent in were safely received and have been forwarded to the Bureau of Chemistry. We referred the bird parasites in conformance with the suggestion made in a previous letter, and they came back with the statement that they could not be identified without a complete review of bird parasites in general, which at the present time is impossible.

I do not understand from your letter whether you wish to have chemical or microscopical examinations of blood and renal matter made. The purpose would undoubtedly make a difference in the method of preservation desirable and certainly would decide to whom I shall go to get instructions regarding a method.

The formalin and other supplies which you request have been sent. I would suggest that, if you find it practicable, you buy formalin locally since we have no convenient way of sending it in large quantities.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

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and to refer the question to some promindent sportamen — on to the specialist of the local gran club.

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Sincerely Steper

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EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 9, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore.

Assistant Biologist.

You are advised that L. A. No. 34-Bi, dated July 1, 1914, is hereby amended so as to increase the amount that may be expended thereunder from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, to be paid from the appropriation "General Expenses, Bureau of Biological Survey, 1915" (Investigating Disease of Wild Ducks in Salt Lake Valley).

Your permanent headquarters will be Washington, D. C.

A true copy:

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E. W. Nelson

Acting Chief.

Chief Clerk and Executive Assistant.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 27, 1914.

Dear Sir:

I am this day mailing you under separate cover a copy of the field diary, which the Department regulations require to be kept by all travelling employees. See instructions on the inside of the front cover. When this dairy is completed it should be returned to this Bureau for permanent record. The data contained therein is for use in the Secretary's Office.

Very truly yours,

Acting Chief, Biological Survey.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 18, 1914.

Mr. Alex. Wetmore,

141 South 2d East Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Wetmore:

Dr. Fisher left for the West on Seturday and I am answering your last letter. Do you want any of the alcoxholic material you gent identified by the Bureau of Animal Industry? If you do, I will get it out and send it over there. The various shipments of uptorial which you mention have been received, with the exception of the nesting material of the spotted sandpiper. I have been unable to get any trace of this so far. I had a talk with the Chief of the Division of Water Analysis, of the Bureau of Chemistry, yesterday and he give the following directions regarding taking of samples. Get two quirt bottles for each sample and put a tablespoonful of formalin into e ch. He did not seem to think that the number you mentioned, about 15 or 20, was excessive. They will determine the portion of all heavy and other salts in the water. This will give you a basis for the experimental work you spoke of before leaving Washington, and I think it would be a good thing to try different concentrations of the various solts as soon as you can. Dr. Skinner, the mon I consulted in the Bureau of Chemistry, says that colcium chloride especially and also magnesium chloride are active irritants. I have

no doubt he will give information about other things which may be present in the water, after he has made the analyses.

With best wishes for success in your work,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 5, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, 141 South 2nd East Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

I will acknowledge the receipt of your letters of July 13, 20, 22, and 28, which are of interest to me.

I am glad that the verious people/interested in the subject and are willing to give you full assistance. In the course of your investigations give all the infected localities the advantage of your observations. I do not want Mr. Bigelow to think that you are devoting too much attention to the Salt Lake areas or Mr. McCornick or the other men in Salt Lake City to have the idea that Bear River is receiving too much of your attention.

There should be no trouble in securing ducks for experimental purposes as it is not necessary to specify them as domestic.

Doctor Mohler was wired to return to Washington before he reached Salt Lake City so that it may be some little time before he visits that loality.

If as you think it is true that low water is the cause of the trouble, examine the topography to see if reserve water could be stored for flushing purposes.

I have ordered the numbered tags for banding ducks and have the promise that they will be delivered in about ten

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days.

The stomachs, skins and bats arrived safely.

I am interested to know that I sized up correctly the qualifications of a certain investigator in Salt Lake City. I doubt very much whether you would be benefited through his cooperation.

I am hoping to leave Washington about the 15th, but at present cannot give you any idea when I will visit the Salt Lake Valley.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

In Charge, Economic Phyestigations.

H UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 29, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, Care, Cullen Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Wetmore:

We enclose a set of your prints for labeling and return.

The various lots of insects that you sent in have been received in fairly good condition. In one or two boxes evidently a live insect had traveled around, reducing the others more or less to fragments.

I have been interested in reading your two reports on progress and trust you will have success in further investigations.

Very sincerely,

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Acting in Charge, Economic Investigations.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 7, 1914.

Mr. Alex Wetmore,

Assistant Biologist.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

In accordance with Letter of Authorization 31-Bi, dated July 1, 1914, you will proceed, on or about July 8, to the Salt Lake Valley where you will investigate the nature and origin of the disease which has prevailed among the ducks of that region for several years. The nature of this work precludes detailed instructions which might hamper your investigations. Your preliminary work will be in the nature of a reconnoiseance of the region in which the disease occurs and a study of local conditions to discover, if possible, the cause of the trouble. The solution of the problem involves much thought and care, since, as you already know, bacterial and chemical postmortem examinations have so far shown negative results.

You should enter this new work without preconceived theories, and be ever ready to follow up suggestions that promise to lead towards a solution of the problem. You should carry on feeding and other experiments with healthy and sick birds, making careful notes thereon, and secure what information you can from outside sources.

The Game Commission of Utah and the sportsmen of Salt Lake City and Ogden have offered to give assistance and to aid the investigation in every way possible. Valuable hints as a guide to your work may be

obtained from them. If, after your preliminary examination, you find that the assistance of a bacteriologist or chemist is necessary, you should communicate at once with the office, when the necessary arrangements will be made.

It may be a good plan to band all sick birds which recover and are liberated. Valuable data may thus be obtained in case secondary infections occur.

· Wishing you a successful and pleasant summer, I am

Very truly yours,

Chief, Biological Survey,

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Your permanent headquarters will be Washington, D. C.

Chief, Biological Survey.

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